Now that's a tent!

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Chemically Protected Deployable Medical Systems

Many arsenal employees passing by the south side of the Motor Pool may have been left wondering recently why an old parking lot was being refurbished and transformed into a nice, pristine area by the Directorate of Public Works and private contractors.

When phase two of the erection of the LAMS facility began, the questions really started. LAMS is an acronym for Large Area Maintenance Shelter. It is normally used for aircraft or vehicle storage and maintenance facilities. The arsenal, however, will be utilizing it as a re-work facility for the Chemically Protected Deployable Medical Systems (CP DEPMEDS) and the Chemical, Biological Protected Shelters (CBPS) projects.

The facility was erected by employees under the direction of two technical representatives from the Natick Soldier Center. Beginning on June 2, the crew was under a time constraint to complete the project within a nine- day time frame. Under normal conditions, these structures are erected on concrete foundations and are completed within a week. Conversely, this one was to be erected on asphalt and should have taken longer to complete. Two days of the project were performed under adverse weather conditions. The project was completed two days ahead of schedule

The following is a list of the construction crew: Directorate of Chemical Bio Defense: Evelyn McArthur, Dewayne Steward, Angela Jones, Sharon Jemison, Lori Bland, Arlene Moss, Sharon Pennington, Samantha Hankins, Alvin Shelton, Danny Luker, Robert K. Murphy, Jonathan Crow; Quality Improvement Division- Willie Stills; Directorate of Materiel Management: Richard McMullin, Directorate of Public Works: John Little; Directorate of Engineering and Technology: Sam Power and Bill Beadle.

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